

Bay Delta Steering Committee
Recommendation for Long-Term Conveyance

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To achieve the BDCP Planning Agreement's planning goals and conservation objectives through improved biological productivity, improved water quality, reduced entrainment and other means, the Steering Committee has concluded that the most promising long-term solution will involve the construction and operation of an isolated conveyance facility. For this reason the Steering Committee will proceed with the development and evaluation of a conservation strategy that incorporates an isolated conveyance facility with a point or points of diversion(s) on the Sacramento River and includes the ability to use existing facilities to divert water directly from the South Delta as determined by an evaluation of issues associated with facilities design and operating criteria. Because of the time required to permit and construct an isolated conveyance facility, the Steering Committee will also continue to develop and evaluate the benefits of infrastructure and operational modifications, particularly in the areas of Old and Middle Rivers, to improve the SWP/CVP's ability to convey water through the Delta to achieve near-term conservation and water supply goals.